

IN MEMORY OF CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER CHARLES STANLEY

HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, Chief Warrant Officer Charles I. Stanley was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. It had been 33 years since the Army helicopter he was piloting crashed in bad weather in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. A search and rescue mission to find Stanley and six others on the helicopter following the crash had been unsuccessful.

For more than three decades, Stanley's family was unsure of his fate, and wondered if he would always be classified as MIA and if their grief would have no end. Finally, in November of 2000, several years after a crash site was identified, Stanley's remains were positively verified through DNA analysis. His burial at Arlington National Cemetery, our nation's most hallowed ground, took place last week and finally gave his beloved family some closure after decades of uncertainty.

Stanley grew up in Highland Heights, OH. He was a graduate of Mayfield High School and attended Ohio State University before enlisting in the Army in 1968. He was just 23 years old at the time of his death.

Stanley is survived by a brother, Ronald Stanley of Highland Heights, a sister, Carol Subel, a Chagrin Falls resident, and many other family members. Sadly, Stanley's mother and father both passed before learning of their son's fate.

At Stanley's funeral last week, about 50 family members, friends and Vietnam veterans gathered at Arlington to pay their last respect and to give this military hero a long overdue farewell. There was a chapel service at Fort Myers and then a graveside burial at Arlington, complete with a three-gun volley, a flag presentation and the performance of Taps by a lone bugler.

On behalf of the 19th Congressional District of Ohio, I extend my condolences to Stanley's family. I am pleased that you finally were able to give your brother the burial that befits him as a war hero, and that you have gained some closure in this painful chapter of your lives. Please know that Charles Stanley's heroic service and sacrifice for our nation are appreciated and will never be forgotten.

FOOD SAFETY REQUIRES MULTI-
PRONGED APPROACH, INCLUDING
IRRADIATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, the recent recall of ground beef highlights the need for increased attention to food safety and the means to achieve it. An editorial in the August 2, 2002, Norfolk Daily News, discusses the need to utilize a variety of approaches to further ensure safety. This includes adequate inspection at the plant and proper food preparation. In addition, the editorial states that "the Federal government has made it possible,

though not simple, for processors to employ the most fail-safe system of all—irradiation. Already in wide use in the food industry, it can extend shelf life as well as destroy the pathogens which seem to survive despite inspection efforts. Its use needs better acceptance in the red meat industry, and especially from those activists who claim to have the best interests of consumers at heart."

The Food and Drug Administration has approved irradiation for the control of pathogenic micro-organisms in red meat. The FDA concluded that irradiation reduced disease-causing microbes and did not compromise the nutritional quality of treated products. While the U.S. food supply is generally very safe, we must continue to seek improved methods of ensuring this safety. Irradiation is one of these methods.

TRIBUTE TO THE PONY LEAGUE
TERM OF NORWALK, CALIFORNIA

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I am bursting with pride today as I rise to honor an extraordinary group of young athletes, the PONY (Protecting Our Nation's Youth) League Team of Norwalk, California, my hometown. On August 24, this team completed its undefeated competition in the 2002 PONY League World Series in Washington, Pennsylvania, with a commanding 10-0 victory over Levittown, Puerto Rico, to become the world champions. Norwalk became the first United States team since 1999 to win the PONY League World Series, and the third California team in six years to win the title.

After defeating tournament host Washington by a 11-7 score on the second night of competition, Norwalk cruised through the 13-game tournament with convincing victories over Hagerstown, Md. (11-0), Port Neches, Texas (11-4), and finally Levittown (10-0). The championship win ended their dominating four-game performance, in which the Norwalk team outscored their opponents by a combined score of 43-11.

We are often bombarded by negative stories about our young people involving violence and drugs. I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging this each of the young people on this team who have done something so positive in working together to reach this outstanding achievement: Art Gonzalez, Jimmy Buentello, Frankie Lucero, Johnny Perez, Gabriel Schwulst, Danny Dutch, Miguel Flores, Jesus Cabral, Tony Zarco, Jamil Acosta, Eddie Murray, George Sanchez, Richard Melendrez, Anthony Topete and Victor Sanchez.

I also want to recognize the team's manager and coaches, Ruben Velazquez, George Sanchez and Tony Rivas, as well as the parents of the players, who all played important roles in the team's success this season. Volunteers like these are the backbone of the PONY League, and without them the participation and success of our young athletes would not be possible.

The PONY League provides an excellent opportunity for 13 and 14-year-olds throughout the world to enjoy competitive baseball. The

PONY League was founded 1951, and since then over 5 million young athletes have participated. There are now 28,500 teams throughout the United States and 12 other countries. I have always been supportive of this League, the Norwalk PONY-Colt League, since my own sons played in it decades ago. I am very proud of all of the young people who have participated this season and many other seasons, but particularly the 2002 world champions from Norwalk, California. Congratulations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WES WATKINS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I missed three rollcall votes on September 9, 2002, because I was attending meetings in my Congressional District. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" for rollcall votes 375, 376, and 377.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARSHALL
DUANE SHERMAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Marshall Duane "Whitey" Sherman, a longtime resident of Kremmling, Colorado. Mr. Sherman lived an extraordinary life and accomplished many things, he began his career as a lineman with the Estes Park Light and Power Company. Soon after, he worked as a consultant and inspector for various power companies throughout the state including the Department of Energy.

Despite his busy career, Mr. Sherman also managed to find time to make significant contributions within his community and throughout the State of Colorado. A cordial and responsible individual, Mr. Sherman spent much of his free time as a mentor to Colorado's future generations. He served as a 4-H leader and was involved in a number of church youth summer programs. Mr. Sherman also served on a host of other organizations that became influential to the welfare of the Kremmling community. He was president of the Middle Park Fair Board for ten years, served on the Kremmling Hospital board of directors, was the president of the West Grand Education Foundation, and was active in many groups within the Kremmling Community Church where he was a member.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I take the time to pay tribute to a man that has epitomized what it means to be a benefactor of his state and a role model for future generations to emulate. He was a decent, hard working American who found the time to help others and helped to make the Town of Kremmling, Colorado a better place to live. My condolences go out to the Sherman family, his wife Geneva and their sons Marshall, Mike, and Rich. Although the loss of Mr. Sherman will be deeply felt throughout the Kremmling